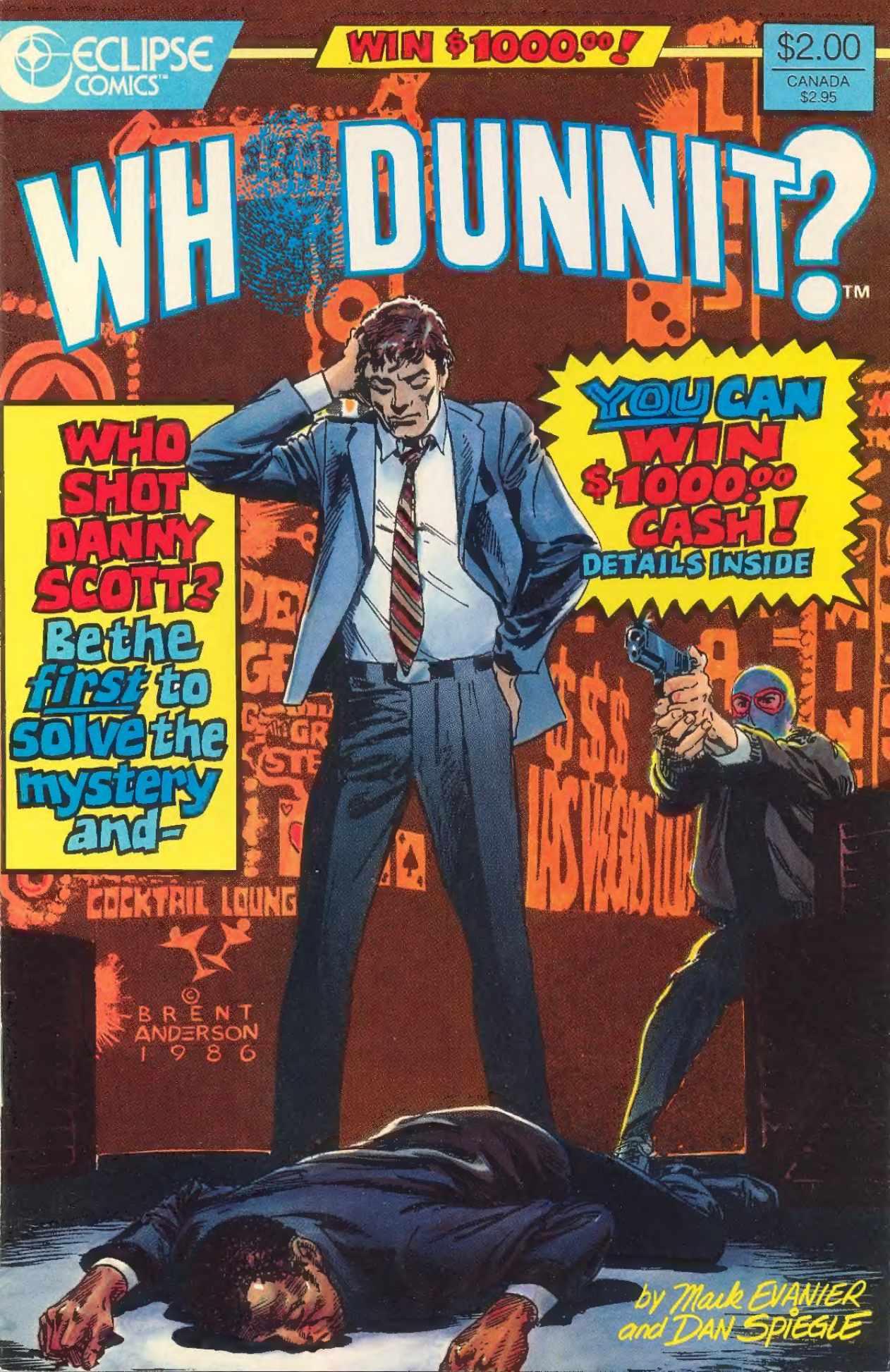
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DEAD REDS: As i sit down to write, news has come of a nuclear power "accident" in Russia, with the dead numbered at either two (what the soviets are saying) or in the thousands (reports gathered from ham radio operators in the area). Radioactive waste is spewing into our atmosphere, 49,000 human beings in the immediate vicinity were not evacuated until they'd been exposed to hazardous levels of radioactivity for 36 hours due to soviet government foul-ups, all the animals within an 18 mile radius of the plant were destroyed because they were "contaminated," warnings have been issued in some Eastern European countries that rainwater and milk are unfit to drink and that people should avoid conceiving children until radiation levels drop, a group of American bone marrow transplant experts have been flown to Russia to try to save the "operable cases" of radiation contamination, the town of Pripyat (25,000 inhabitants) is abandoned, the Pripyat River is in danger of contaminating the Dnieper River and thence the water supply of Kiev, and on page four of my daily newspaper, a long article by American nuclear power "experts" tells me that not only are we all perfectly safe, but "it couldn't happen here."

I despise liars.

Meanwhile, not a single comic book company is taking out ads to eulogize dead Russians the way they did for the dead Challenger space shuttle crew. Maybe 'cause they're reds and this is a cold war, or maybe 'cause we like our dead heroes to be killed quickly, cleanly and in a blaze of glory -- but for whatever reason, nobody is out there shedding tears for the firefighters who tried to contain the nuclear plant inferno ("30 meter high flames," according to the soviet news agency, Tass) while they sank into liquifying asphalt.

Does it matter that they were commies? Does it matter that they were victims of the most massive totalitarian slave-state the world has ever known? Does it matter that they probably believed that Science -- that unholy god -- was on their side?

I've got news for you, folks: Science isn't on ***anybody's*** side. Science is just the most workable way to learn about that thing us aging hipsters laughingly call "reality." The Laws of Science bind us to themselves, and we can never escape. Among the Laws are these: Hydrogen is quite explosive . . . and nuclear radiation is deadly. Hydrogen can be harnessed, through containment, but accidents will happen and people can die if they're involved in a hydrogen explosion. Nuclear radiation can be harnessed through containment too, but accidents will happen, and people can die if they're involved in a nuclear explosion, plant meltdown, radiation link, or contamination by fallout.

Consider the odds . . . i don't know about you, but i'd feel safer aboard a space shuttle right now than downwind from Chernobyl. Nuclear power will NEVER be safe. It's too bad so many reds had to die to prove that simple scientific law.

catherine yronwode

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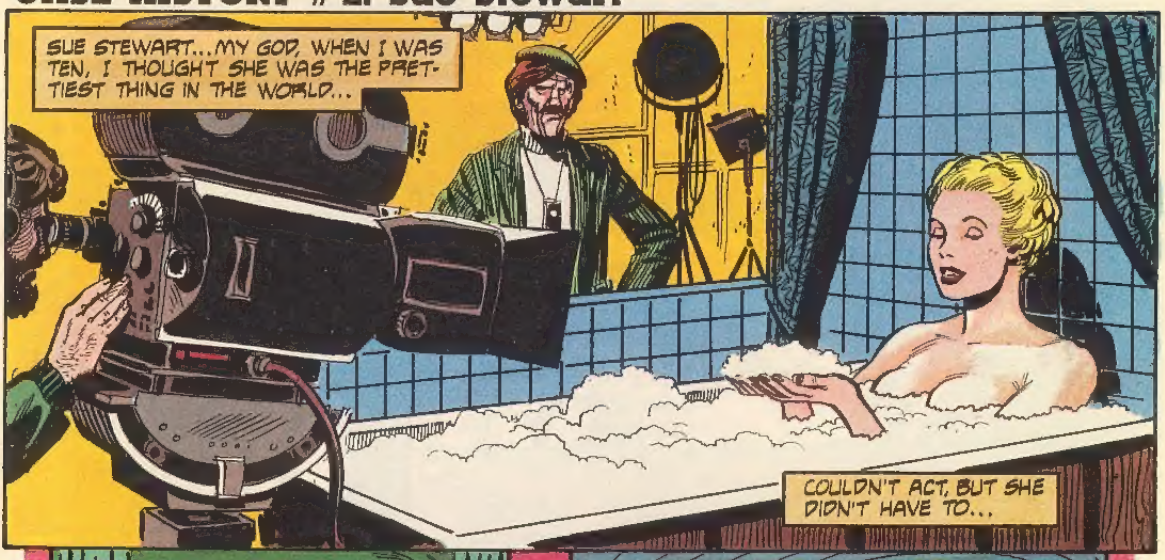

CASE HISTORY #3: Danny Scott

...SO NEAT IN FACT THAT THE POLICE NEVER ARRESTED ANYONE FOR THE CRIME. THEY DIDN'T EVEN HAVE SUSPECTS.
WHY NOW, MOLLY? AFTER ALL THESE YEARS--?
THE POLICE-- THEY SAY THEY HAVE A LETTER...PROOF THAT MY HARRY KILLED DANNY SCOTT...
YOU KNOW HARRY, HE WOULDN'T KILL A FLY...
WELL, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT MAKING BAIL FOR HIM. IF THE CHARGE IS MURDER ONE...
YEAH...ALL THOSE OTHER TIMES WHEN I NEVER GOT PAID, EITHER...
I'M NOT A PRIVATE EYE. I'M A BAIL-BONDSMAN...
NO, I'D BETTER PASS ON THIS ONE...
IT'S THE SMART THING TO DO...
OKAY, MOLLY. I'LL GO TO VEGAS.
I AM A MONUMENTAL IDIOT.
HELP HIM, MR. ENDICOTT. LIKE YOU HELPED HIM ALL THOSE OTHER TIMES...
AND I AM...
TROUBLE IS, I'M A COMPASSIONATE MONUMENTAL IDIOT...
POOR WOMAN... ALL THOSE YEARS, LIVING WITH A COMPULSIVE GAMBLER...
...ALL OF WHICH EXPLAINS WHY I WAS ON MY WAY TO LAS VEGAS TO TRY AND FIND OUT...

WHO SHOT DANNY SCOTT?

by MARK EVANIER and DAN SPIEGLE

Lettering: CARRIE SPIEGLE Coloring: STEVE MATTSSON

THERE WAS HARRY STEIN IN HIS NATURAL HABITAT: UNDER ARREST...
ENDICOTT, I SWEAR ON MY MOTHER'S GRAVE, I DIDN'T DO IT!
TELL ME ABOUT YOU AND DANNY SCOTT.
WHAT'S TO TELL? I WORKED FOR HIM FOR YEARS...
HE WAS GOOD TO ME. I'D NEVER HURT HIM. I STILL DON'T KNOW WHY THEY ARRESTED ME...
I DIDN'T EITHER, BUT I FIGURED TO FIND OUT...
I'VE BAILED HARRY OUT OF ENOUGH PETTY CRIMES WHEN HE WAS GUILTY TO KNOW WHEN HE'S NOT...
I'VE GOT A FEELING HE'S NOT...
BENJAMIN A. TAYLOR
THE D.A. HAD ORDERED HARRY ARRESTED...
...NEW EVIDENCE, MR. ENDICOTT. IT ARRIVED HERE ANONYMOUSLY JUST YESTERDAY. NO ONE KNOWS ABOUT IT.
I THINK I CAN TELL YOU, THOUGH...
IT'S BEEN OVER TWENTY YEARS SINCE DANNY SCOTT WAS MURDERED. WHAT KIND OF EVIDENCE COULD TURN UP NOW?
WOULD YOU BELIEVE... A LETTER FROM DANNY SCOTT?
IT IS...
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COMET
Hotel•Casino
3000 Las Vegas Blvd. So.
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Dear Lou-Lou,
This letter is NO JOKE! I have learned that my life is in danger. If I die, even if it looks like an accident, give this letter to the police and tell them that HARRY STEIN was behind it. Harry is in hock to the mob for a lot of money for gambling debts. They want me dead and I have learned that [redacted] they will have Harry settle with them by K.

"LOU-LOU?"
THAT'S LOU BERGER, HEAD OF VALIANT STUDIOS. WE HAVE A PRELIMINARY I.D. ON THE HANDWRITING AS DANNY SCOTT'S.
WHEN THEY FOUND SCOTT'S BODY, THERE WAS AN UNCAPPED PEN AND SOME WRITING PAPER AROUND...
THE INVESTIGATORS WERE PRETTY CERTAIN HE'D BEEN WRITING A LETTER WHEN HE WAS KILLED. IT NEVER TURNED UP... 'TIL NOW.
I'D LOVE TO KNOW WHERE IT'S BEEN ALL THIS TIME.
THAT'S *SOME* EVIDENCE ...IF IT'S LEGIT.
IT'S GOING DOWN TO THE CHEMIST TODAY. WE'LL SEE.
I WAS REAL CURIOUS WHERE THAT LETTER HAD COME FROM. LUCKILY, I KNEW SOMEONE WHO MIGHT HAVE HEARD SOMETHING..
I HOPE SHE'S STILL WORKING HERE... AND WORKING *TODAY*...
IF I'M IN LUCK, SHE'LL BE ON THE OTHER END OF THOSE VIDEO CAMERAS...
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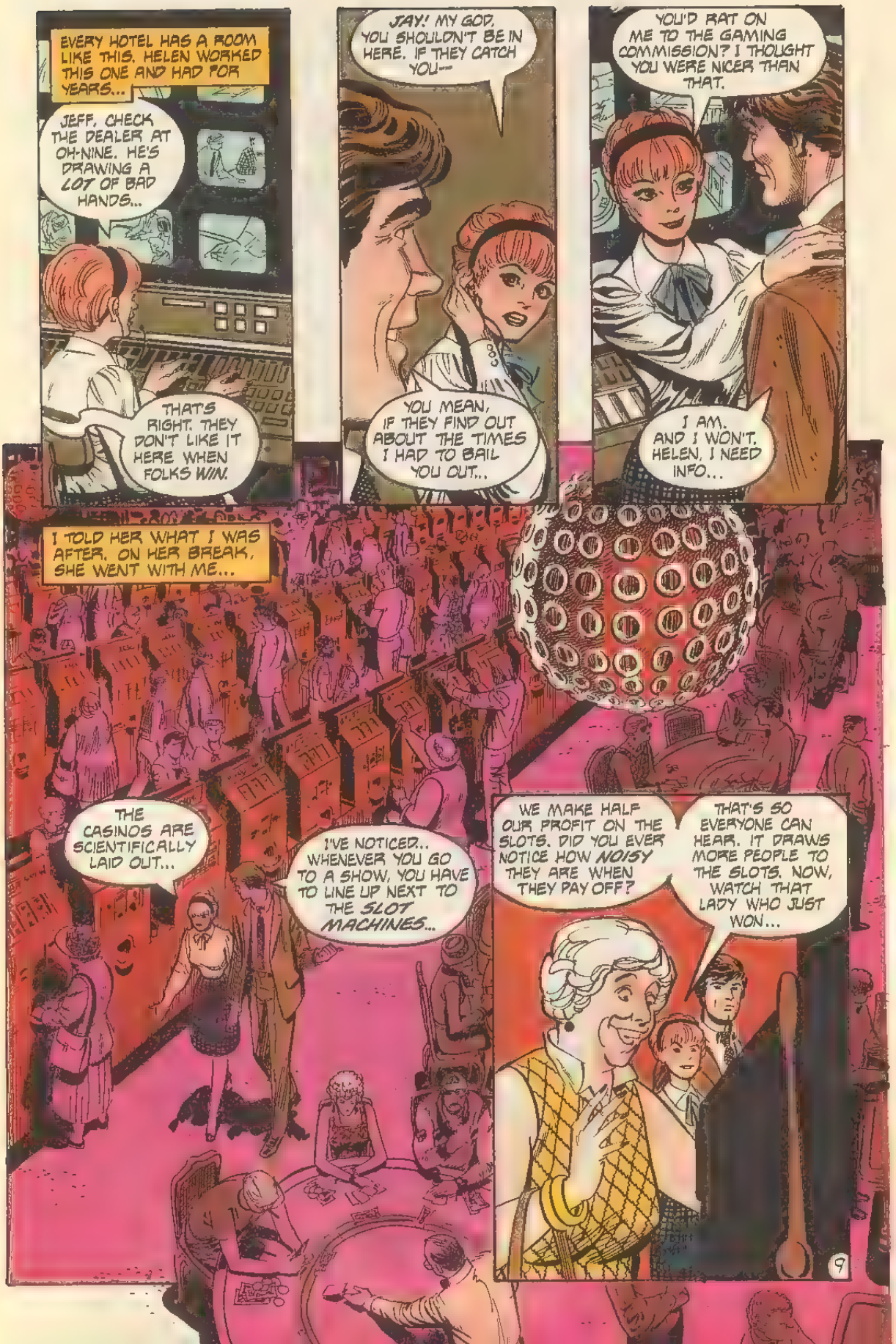
EVERY HOTEL HAS A ROOM LIKE THIS. HELEN WORKED THIS ONE AND HAD FOR YEARS...
JEFF, CHECK THE DEALER AT OH-NINE. HE'S DRAWING A LOT OF BAD HANDS...
THAT'S RIGHT. THEY DON'T LIKE IT HERE WHEN FOLKS WIN.
JAY! MY GOD, YOU SHOULDN'T BE IN HERE. IF THEY CATCH YOU--
YOU MEAN, IF THEY FIND OUT ABOUT THE TIMES I HAD TO BAIL YOU OUT...
YOU'D RAT ON ME TO THE GAMING COMMISSION? I THOUGHT YOU WERE NICER THAN THAT.
I AM. AND I WON'T, HELEN, I NEED INFO...
I TOLD HER WHAT I WAS AFTER. ON HER BREAK, SHE WENT WITH ME...
THE CASINOS ARE SCIENTIFICALLY LAID OUT...
I'VE NOTICED... WHENEVER YOU GO TO A SHOW, YOU HAVE TO LINE UP NEXT TO THE SLOT MACHINES...
WE MAKE HALF OUR PROFIT ON THE SLOTS. DID YOU EVER NOTICE HOW NOISY THEY ARE WHEN THEY PAY OFF?
THAT'S SO EVERYONE CAN HEAR. IT DRAWS MORE PEOPLE TO THE SLOTS. NOW, WATCH THAT LADY WHO JUST WON...
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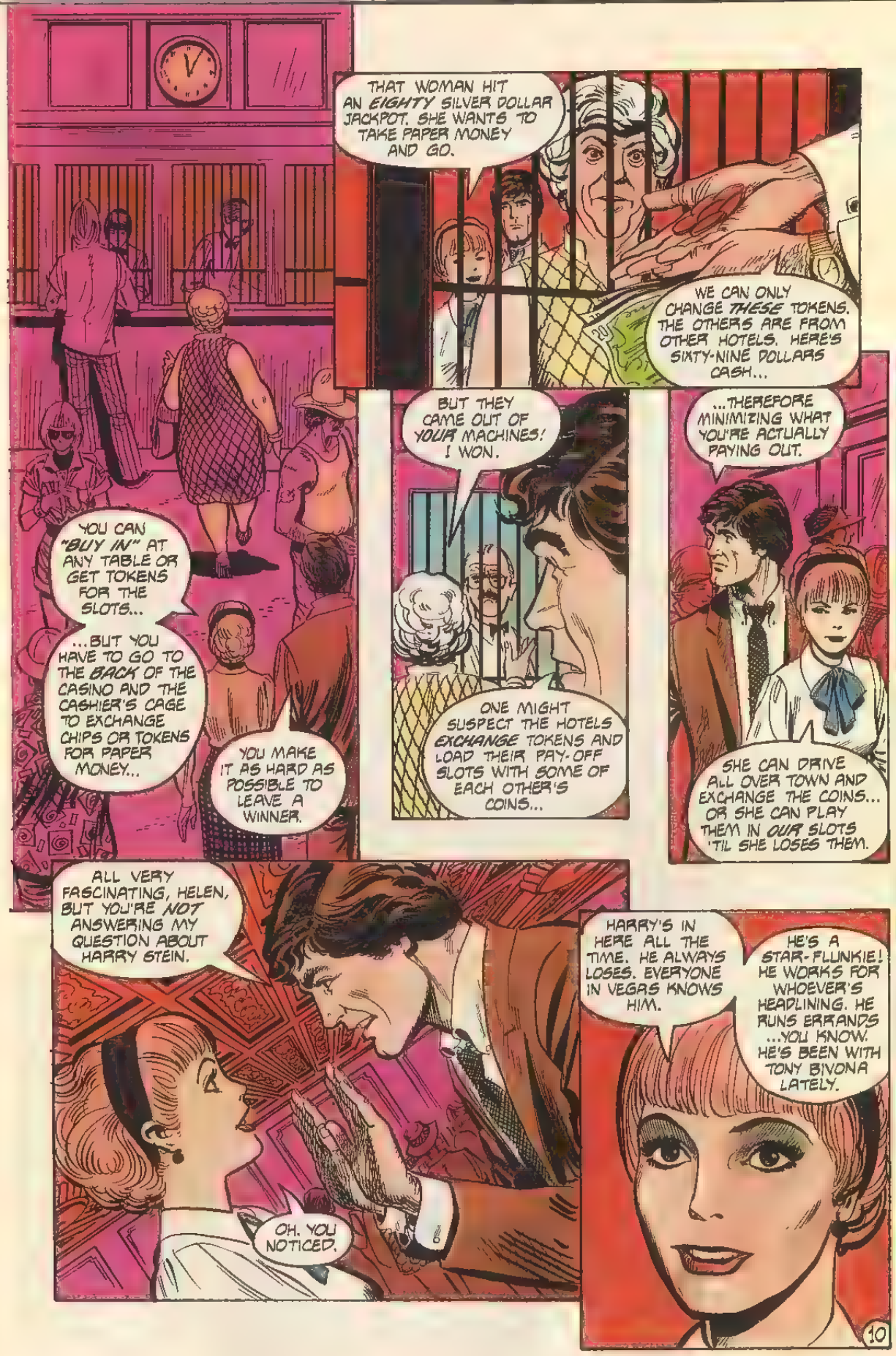
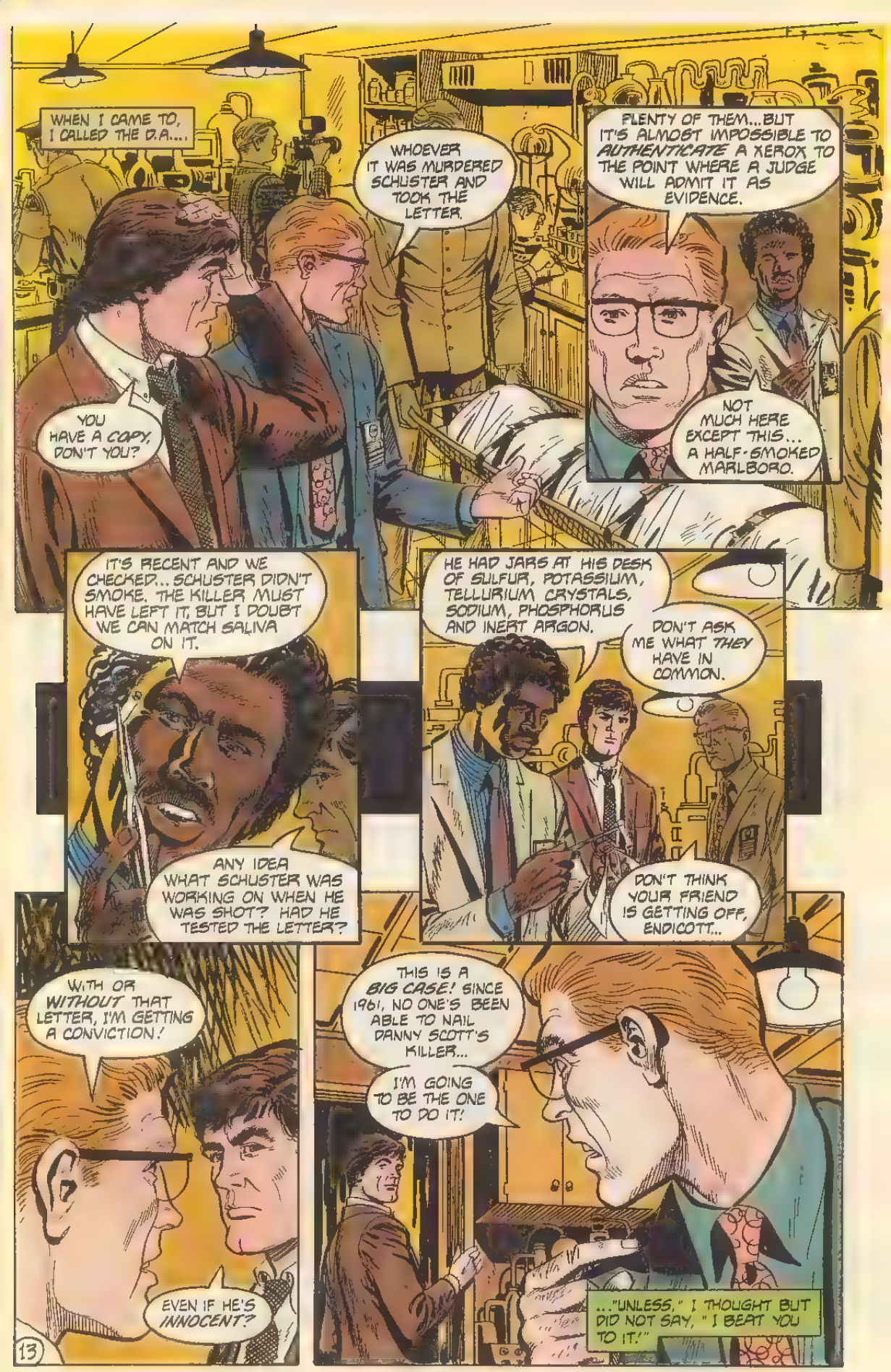
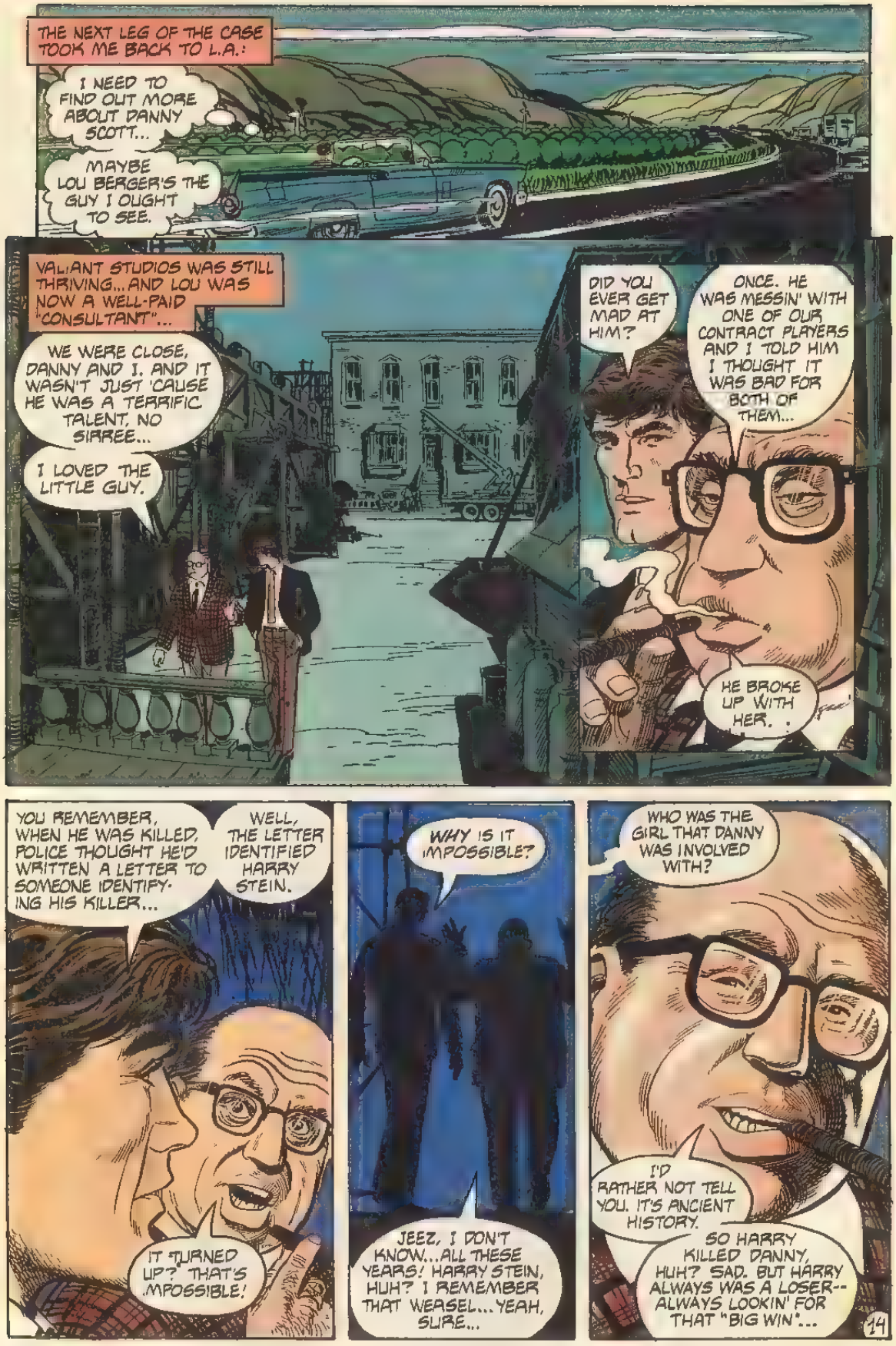

THAT WOMAN HIT AN EIGHTY SILVER DOLLAR JACKPOT. SHE WANTS TO TAKE PAPER MONEY AND GO.
WE CAN ONLY CHANGE THESE TOKENS. THE OTHERS ARE FROM OTHER HOTELS. HERE'S SIXTY-NINE DOLLARS CASH...
BUT THEY CAME OUT OF YOUR MACHINES! I WON.
ONE MIGHT SUSPECT THE HOTELS EXCHANGE TOKENS AND LOAD THEIR PAY-OFF SLOTS WITH SOME OF EACH OTHER'S COINS...
...THEREFORE MINIMIZING WHAT YOU'RE ACTUALLY PAYING OUT.
SHE CAN DRIVE ALL OVER TOWN AND EXCHANGE THE COINS... OR SHE CAN PLAY THEM IN OUR SLOTS 'TIL SHE LOSES THEM.
YOU CAN "BUY IN" AT ANY TABLE OR GET TOKENS FOR THE SLOTS...
...BUT YOU HAVE TO GO TO THE BACK OF THE CASINO AND THE CASHIER'S CAGE TO EXCHANGE CHIPS OR TOKENS FOR PAPER MONEY...
YOU MAKE IT AS HARD AS POSSIBLE TO LEAVE A WINNER.
ALL VERY FASCINATING, HELEN, BUT YOU'RE NOT ANSWERING MY QUESTION ABOUT HARRY STEIN.
OH. YOU NOTICED.
HARRY'S IN HERE ALL THE TIME. HE ALWAYS LOSES. EVERYONE IN VEGAS KNOWS HIM.
HE'S A STAR-FLUNKIE! HE WORKS FOR WHOEVER'S HEADLINING. HE RUNS ERRANDS ...YOU KNOW. HE'S BEEN WITH TONY BIVONA LATELY.

CHANGE OF SUBJECT: SUPPOSE I HAD A LETTER I NEEDED AUTHENTICATED—?
DOC SCHUSTER, OVER ON EIGHTH. ALL THE HOTELS USE HIM. WE HAVE TO INVESTIGATE A LOT OF CHECKS AND I.O.U.S...
EVEN THE VEGAS POLICE USE HIM.
I'D HEARD OF SCHUSTER--A TOP 'QUESTIONED DOCUMENTS' MAN...
WONDER IF HE'S THE ONE AUTHENTICATING THAT LETTER...AND IF HE CAN TELL ME WHERE IT'S BEEN ALL THESE YEARS...
HIS OFFICE LOOKED LIKE MY HIGH SCHOOL CHEMISTRY LAB...
DOC SCHUSTER?
ARE YOU HERE?
HE WAS THERE. ALL RIGHT...TO STAY.
AND HE WASN'T ALONE. SOMEONE WAS IN THE NEXT ROOM.
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?

UNFORTUNATELY, HE KNEW EXACTLY WHAT HE WAS DOING!
MY SENSE OF JUDGMENT WAS YELLING "DON'T LET HIM GET AWAY!"
...WHILE MY SENSE OF SURVIVAL WAS SCREAMING, "LET HIM GET AWAY! LET HIM GET AWAY!"
TIMES LIKE THIS, YOU WISH YOU'D LISTENED TO YOUR SENSE OF SURVIVAL...


WHEN I CAME TO, I CALLED THE D.A....
WHOEVER IT WAS MURDERED SCHUSTER AND TOOK THE LETTER.
PLENTY OF THEM...BUT IT'S ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO *AUTHENTICATE* A XEROX TO THE POINT WHERE A JUDGE WILL ADMIT IT AS EVIDENCE.
YOU HAVE A COPY, DON'T YOU?
NOT MUCH HERE EXCEPT THIS... A HALF-SMOKED MARLBORO.
IT'S RECENT AND WE CHECKED.. SCHUSTER DIDN'T SMOKE. THE KILLER MUST HAVE LEFT IT, BUT I DOUBT WE CAN MATCH SALIVA ON IT.
HE HAD JARS AT HIS DESK OF SULFUR, POTASSIUM, TELLURIUM CRYSTALS, SODIUM, PHOSPHORUS AND INERT ARGON.
DON'T ASK ME WHAT *THEY* HAVE IN COMMON.
ANY IDEA WHAT SCHUSTER WAS WORKING ON WHEN HE WAS SHOT? HAD HE TESTED THE LETTER?
DON'T THINK YOUR FRIEND IS GETTING OFF, ENDICOTT...
WITH OR *WITHOUT* THAT LETTER, I'M GETTING A CONVICTION!
THIS IS A *BIG CASE!* SINCE 1961, NO ONE'S BEEN ABLE TO NAIL DANNY SCOTT'S KILLER...
I'M GOING TO BE THE ONE TO DO IT!
EVEN IF HE'S *INNOCENT?*
..."UNLESS," I THOUGHT BUT DID NOT SAY, "I BEAT YOU TO IT."


THE NEXT LEG OF THE CASE TOOK ME BACK TO L.A.:
I NEED TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT DANNY SCOTT...
MAYBE LOU BERGER'S THE GUY I OUGHT TO SEE.
VALIANT STUDIOS WAS STILL THRIVING...AND LOU WAS NOW A WELL-PAID "CONSULTANT"...
WE WERE CLOSE, DANNY AND I. AND IT WASN'T JUST 'CAUSE HE WAS A TERRIFIC TALENT, NO SIRREE...
I LOVED THE LITTLE GUY.
DID YOU EVER GET MAD AT HIM?
ONCE. HE WAS MESSIN' WITH ONE OF OUR CONTRACT PLAYERS AND I TOLD HIM I THOUGHT IT WAS BAD FOR BOTH OF THEM...
HE BROKE UP WITH HER. .
YOU REMEMBER, WHEN HE WAS KILLED, POLICE THOUGHT HE'D WRITTEN A LETTER TO SOMEONE IDENTIFYING HIS KILLER...
WELL, THE LETTER IDENTIFIED HARRY STEIN.
IT TURNED UP? THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
WHY IS IT IMPOSSIBLE?
JEEZ, I DON'T KNOW...ALL THESE YEARS! HARRY STEIN, HUH? I REMEMBER THAT WEASEL...YEAH, SURE...
WHO WAS THE GIRL THAT DANNY WAS INVOLVED WITH?
I'D RATHER NOT TELL YOU. IT'S ANCIENT HISTORY.
SO HARRY KILLED DANNY, HUH? SAD. BUT HARRY ALWAYS WAS A LOSER--ALWAYS LOOKIN' FOR THAT "BIG WIN"...

WELL, IF BERGER WOULDN'T TELL ME WHO DANNY'S GIRL WAS, I KNEW WHO WOULD...
IF IT'S GOSSIP, DELLA GROSS HAS GOT IT. AND SHE SAVES EVERYTHING!
SHE KNEW JUST WHAT I WAS ASKING ABOUT...
IT WAS THE WORST-KEPT SECRET IN TINSELTOWN! DANNY SCOTT WAS ENGAGED TO--ARE YOU READY FOR THIS?--SUE STEWART!
SUE STEWART?
THIS WAS 1961, REMEMBER. FOLKS IN THIS COUNTRY TALKED ABOUT CIVIL RIGHTS AND EQUALITY...
BUT THEY DIDN'T TAKE KINDLY TO THEIR SEX SYMBOLS MARRYING BLACK MEN. IT WOULD HAVE KILLED HER CAREER. HIS TOO, PROBABLY.
LOU BERGER TOLD ME THAT HE HAD A "TALK" WITH DANNY AND HE AGREED TO BREAK IT OFF.
WORD IS, HE THREATENED TO BREAK HIS LEGS.
AH, HERE'S WHAT I'M AFTER...
THIS WAS FROM MY COLUMN. THIS IS A WEEK BEFORE DANNY WAS MURDERED...
"WHAT TWOSOME COULD GET GRUESOME..."

August 3, 1961

GROSSLY SPEAKING

Twosome Getting Gruesome

By Della Gross

What Twosome could get Gruesome if the money men have their way? Seems they have made a valiant effort for her stardom and are not about to see the investment go bye-bye due to the company she's keeping...Rubbery **Dick Van Dyke**, late of ***Bye Bye Birdie*** starts his own TV sitcom this fall on CBS under the baton of creator **Carl Reiner**, late of the **Sid Caesar** stable...Producer **Ross Hunter** readying ***If A Man Answers*** for Universal to star **Sandra Dee, Bobby Darin** and, if he's available, **Cesar Romero...Danny Scott** opens for two stanzas at the **Comet** in Vegas next Friday. Break a leg, Danny!...

Looks like humans are nowhere on TV this Fall. On the network skeds are ***The Alvin Show, Calvin and the Colonel, Bugs Bunny, The Flintstones*** and ***Top Cat***, all animated...Photographer **Peter Weems** filing assault charges against super-tonsilled **Tony Bivona** and bodyguard **Nate Parks**, claiming the former had the latter flatten the photog...Speaking of Tony, his brother Jerry just beat a federal charge of passing bad checks... **George Burns** called to say he's thinking of retiring soo ...Alleged comedian **Billy Slayton** called to say, "You know how to stop a rhino from charging? You take away his credit cards!" Complain to him, not me, folks...Speaking of comedians, caught **Jonathan Winters** the other night on the Paar program. Funniest man alive...**WHO'S WHERE: Sue Stewart** off to Barcelona to star in Valiant's new tear-jerker, ***Cry for Tomorrow***. We hear the love scenes are *ooh-la-la* enough to require foreign and domestic versions. Producer **Lou Berger** will personally supervise the filming. Book your flights overseas now, S. S. fans... Speaking of *ooh-la-la* , rising starlet **Sandy Rabb** has been seen out and about with TV game show host **Sammy Flaveman.** That's it from Hollywood!

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THIS MAY ALSO PROVE INTERESTING. YOU MAY TAKE IT. ANYTHING ELSE I CAN HELP YOU WITH?
JUST TELL ME WHERE I CAN FIND SUE STEWART...
DELLA HAD EVERYONE'S ADDRESS...
...INCLUDING THE HOME OF EX-BASEBALLER RANDY JENSEN AND HIS WIFE...
PRETTY FANCY PLACE FOR TWO FOLKS WHO HAVEN'T WORKED SINCE THE SIXTIES...
I HAD TO PINCH MYSELF: I WAS ACTUALLY SITTING, TALKING WITH SUE STEWART...
...AND I'M PLANNING ON A COMEBACK, YOU KNOW. MY FILMS ARE VERY BIG AMONG THE COLLEGE CROWD...
UH, GETTING BACK TO DANNY SCOTT FOR A MOMENT...
WE TRY NOT TO MENTION THAT NAME AROUND HERE.
UH, HELLO, MR. JENSEN. I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY, BUT I REALLY HAVE TO KNOW...
DANNY WAS SWEET AND SO TALENTED. HE TOLD EVERYONE HE WAS GOING TO MARRY ME...
WE WERE JUST CLOSE FRIENDS...

DID YOU HEAR? THEY FOUND THE LETTER HE WROTE NAMING HIS KILLER.
THEY WHAT?
IT WAS THAT BROTHER OF TONY BIVONA'S, WASN'T IT?
UH, NO...
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE I HIT A NERVE.
I'M SO SORRY...
I TOLD THEM ABOUT HARRY STEIN...
HARRY WAS REAL SWEET. I'M SORRY IT WAS HIM. BUT I GUESS IF HE OWED THE MOB THAT MONEY...
GOOD-BYE, MR. ENDICOTT.
THEY COULDN'T WAIT FOR ME TO LEAVE...
...DIDN'T EVEN WAIT UNTIL I WAS OUT OF EARSHOT...
WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO? YOU SAID THAT LETTER WOULD NEVER TURN UP!
JUST LET ME THINK!
I'D HAVE LISTENED TO MORE EXCEPT FOR...
UH-OH. TIME TO VACATE!
I WAS EN ROUTE BACK TO VEGAS WHEN I REMEMBERED THE PAPER DELLA GAVE ME...
THIS IS THE POLICE REPORT ON DANNY'S MURDER!

August 11, 1961

Body found in Room 1120 of Comet Hotel, discovered 2:00PM by Chambermaid Clara Clifford who immediately phoned Hotel Security Chief Ludwig Boyle immediately notified in-house "suicide squad" to come in and clear out remains before news got out. Boyle says he arrived in the room at 2:05 and identified the body as Danny Scott. Description of body: approx. 5'4", 140 lbs., Negroid male. Identity later confirmed by County Coroner (see attached).

Boyle ordered room sealed off and adjoining rooms vacated. He notified L.V.P.D. at 2:07 PM, call logged by Lt. Anthony Delman, Badge #2678. Rolling unit dispatched to crime scene, arrived 2:22PM, joined at 2:30 by investigations officers Marx and Cooper.

Body was found in face-down position on rug, shot once apparently in the heart area, later confirmed by County Coroner (see attached).

Body was dressed in white shirt, black pants, black socks and extensive expensive jewelry. $450. in a money clip found atop bureau, along with 6 candy mints, 2 packages Marlboro cigarettes and a lighter engraved, "DS "

Deceased had ink stains onright hand from apparently writing a letter recently. Hotel stationery found scattered about desk, along with uncapped pen, but no sign of any letter.

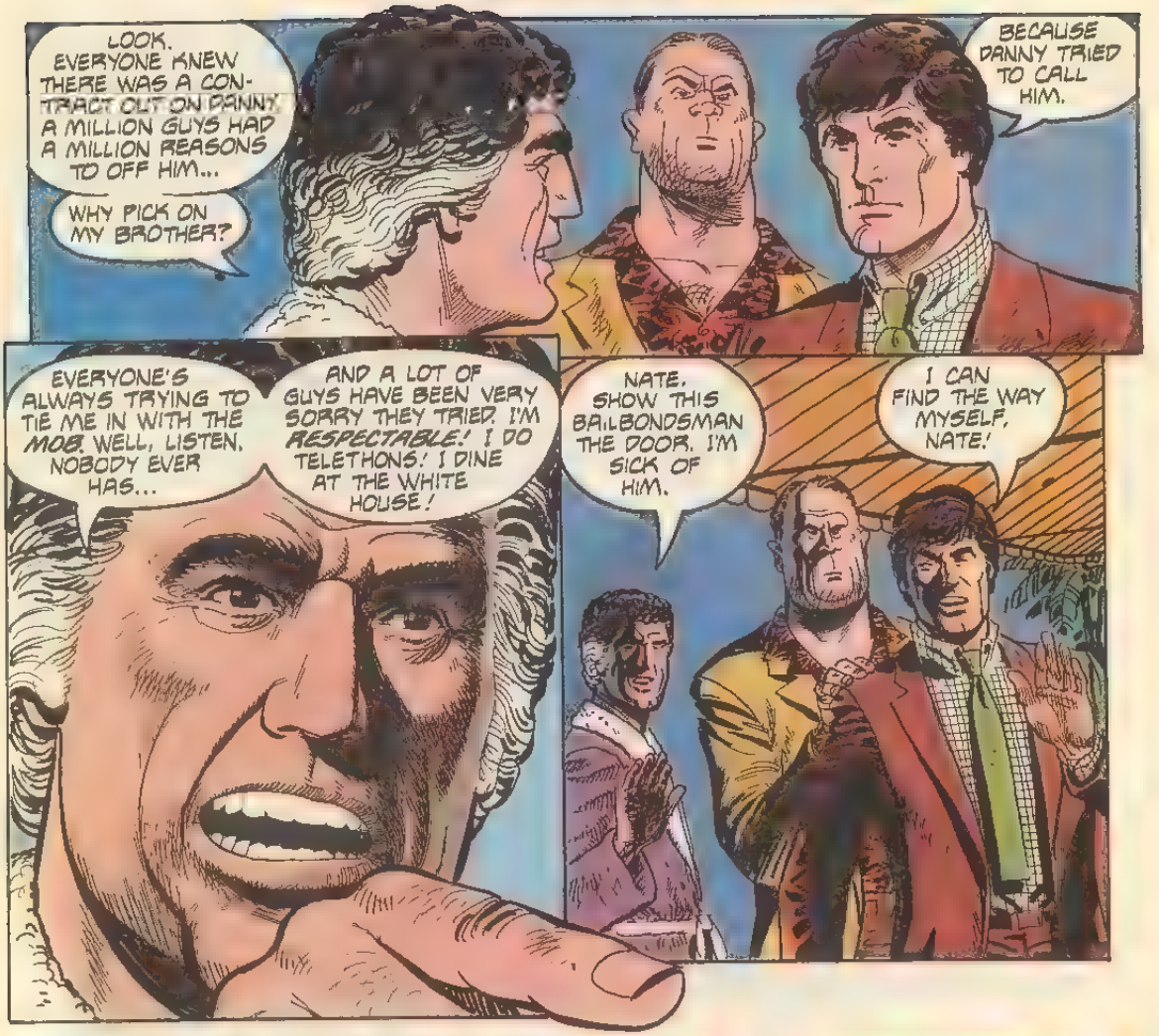
Hotel phone records show 3 calls logged in previous hour, all to phone number (see attached) registered to Jerry Bivona.

Joe Waterman

Sgt. Joe Waterman
Investigating Officer

L.V.P.D. FORM 47-B

HE CALLED TONY BIVONA'S BROTHER, HUH?
MAYBE IT'S ABOUT TIME I CALLED ON TONY.
AT FIRST, THEY WOULDN'T LET ME IN TO SEE HIM BUT...
A BAIL-BONDSMAN? FOR CHRIST'S SAKE, TELL HIM TO GO AWAY.
BUT HE SAYS IT'S ABOUT YOUR BROTHER ...AND DANNY SCOTT.
SHOW HIM IN.
I STARTED TO ASK QUESTIONS. I DIDN'T GET FAR...
MY BROTHER HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH DANNY SCOTT'S MURDER! YOU HEAR THAT? NOTHING! YOU SO MUCH AS MENTION HE MIGHT HAVE...
AND I'LL HAVE YOUR LEGS BROKEN, Y'HEAR?
I WAS ONLY ASKING...
YOU SEE THIS GUY? NATE'S BEEN WITH ME FOR THIRTY YEARS AND HE CAN STILL BREAK PUNKS LIKE YOU IN HALF!
I'M RESPECTABLE, YOU HEAR? SO'S MY FAMILY!
I NOTICED THE PHOTO OF YOU WITH RICHARD NIXON. WHEN DID YOU TURN REPUBLICAN?
WHEN I GOT OLDER... AND WISER.


LOOK. EVERYONE KNEW THERE WAS A CONTRACT OUT ON DANNY. A MILLION GUYS HAD A MILLION REASONS TO OFF HIM...
WHY PICK ON MY BROTHER?
BECAUSE DANNY TRIED TO CALL HIM.
EVERYONE'S ALWAYS TRYING TO TIE ME IN WITH THE *MOB*. WELL, LISTEN. NOBODY EVER HAS...
AND A LOT OF GUYS HAVE BEEN VERY SORRY THEY TRIED. I'M *RESPECTABLE!* I DO TELETHONS! I DINE AT THE WHITE HOUSE!
NATE. SHOW THIS BAILBONDSMAN THE DOOR. I'M SICK OF HIM.
I CAN FIND THE WAY MYSELF, NATE!

OKAY. WHAT NOW?
ONLY ONE CHOICE: FIND JERRY BIVONA.

...WHICH DIDN'T LOOK TO BE EASY.
NO ANSWER. MAYBE HE'S..

I DIDN'T EVEN *HEAR* THE SHOT...
HELLO.

IT WAS HIM AGAIN...
IF HE WAS A BETTER SHOT, I WOULDN'T BE HERE.
I FIGURED, I OUGHT TO MAKE MYSELF SCARCE...
BUT JUST FOR A SECOND...
BY THE TIME HE GOT UP, I WAS FAR, FAR AWAY...

BUT I'D LEARNED ONE THING...
I'VE GOT TO BE ON TO SOMETHING!
WISH I KNEW WHAT!
I STILL HAD TO FIND JERRY BIVONA...
COME ON! DOESN'T HE HAVE ANY FRIENDS?
TRY HENRY KAUFMAN'S OFFICE. HE'S TONY'S ACCOUNTANT. JERRY WORKS UP THERE, PART-TIME...
WHEN I GOT TO THE OFFICE, I ASKED THIS GOOFY-LOOKING GUY AND FOUND OUT...
YOU'RE JERRY BIVONA?
THAT'S RIGHT. "HIS BROTHER."
WHEN I DIE, THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE GONNA PUT ON MY TOMBSTONE...
..."HERE LIES TONY BIVONA'S BROTHER." THAT'S ALL I AM IN THIS WORLD. BUT IT'S KINDA NICE, I SUPPOSE...
TONY... HE DOESN'T LIKE HAVING ME AROUND. SAYS I EMBARRASS HIM.
YOUR BROTHER ISN'T THE NICEST GUY IN THE WORLD.
OH, NO, YOU GOT IT WRONG, MISTER! HE'S REAL NICE. HE PAYS FOR EVERYTHING FOR ME...
HE SUPPORTS ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE...
I FOUND THIS BOOK OF ALL THE PEOPLE HE PAYS...
COULD I SEE THAT FOR A SECOND--?

THERE IT WAS: EVERY MONTH FOR THE LAST EIGHTEEN YEARS...
FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS TO SUE STEWART. FOR WHAT?
LEDGER
SEE THIS? THIS IS MY TRAIN! MY BROTHER BOUGHT IT FOR ME AND I PUT IT TOGETHER ALL BY MYSELF. DO YOU THINK IT WILL RAIN?
JERRY, LISTEN TO ME. I HAVE TO ASK YOU...
THE DAY DANNY SCOTT WAS KILLED, YOU TALKED TO HIM. WHAT DID HE TELL YOU?
I TELL PEOPLE WHAT HE SAID AND NO ONE EVER BELIEVES ME.
I'LL BELIEVE YOU. TELL ME. WHAT DID HE SAY?
HE SAID... HE SAID THIS WOMAN WAS GOING TO KILL HIM AND HE WAS GOING TO GO TO SPAIN AND TRY AND TALK HER OUT OF IT
IT WAS SUDDENLY TOO EASY...
I WASN'T ON MY GUARD. I DIDN'T SEE HIM THERE...
BUT HE MUST HAVE BEEN THERE...

THIS HAS TO ALL ADD UP...
SOMEHOW.
SAY, YOU WANNA SEE MY STAMP ALBUM? DANNY GOT ME STARTED ON THEM! HE GAVE ME THIS--
THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD HAVE DONE... NOTHING.
HE'S STILL ALIVE...BUT JUST BARELY. THAT BULLET MUST HAVE BEEN MEANT FOR ME..
THE AMBULANCE WAS THERE IN FIVE MINUTES.

THE D.A. WAS THERE IN TEN...
THEY SAY HE MAY LIVE. ENDICOTT, WHAT THE HELL--?
I CAN'T TELL YOU. I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'VE GOT. BUT TELL ME... DID YOU REALLY GET THAT LETTER ANONYMOUSLY?
NO. IF YOU MUST KNOW. IT CAME FROM TONY BIVONA. HIS GUY DELIVERED IT. I HAVE NO IDEA WHERE THEY GOT IT.
REMEMBER: IF YOU LEARN ANYTHING, I WANT TO KNOW.
YOU WILL.
AND I GUESS THAT BRINGS US UP TO DATE...
WELL, HAVE YOU FIGURED IT OUT?
I THINK I KNOW WHO KILLED DANNY SCOTT... AND WHY! ALSO, WHO KILLED DOC SCHUSTER... AND WHY!
NOW, I'M NOT SAYING IT WAS TWO DIFFERENT PEOPLE...
SOME OF THESE PEOPLE HAVE LIED TO ME. SOME OF THEM MAY EVEN HAVE LIED TO EACH OTHER...
BUT THEY ALL HAD GOOD REASONS FOR WHATEVER THEY DID.
WORK ON IT AND GET BACK TO ME.

Okay: You have just read the tale entitled "Who Shot Danny Scott?" —which raises the interesting question: "Who Shot Danny Scott?"

Now comes the contest part.

Many people *could have* done it, but in our tale, as crafted by Mark Evanier and Dan Spiegle, there is one correct answer and your mission, should you decide to accept, is to determine— **WHODUNNIT?** Mark and Dan have already written and illustrated the final chapter of this tale, featuring the solution to the mystery, and it is in a sealed package in the custody of the judges. In order to win, you must figure out who, according to Evanier and Spiegle, is the murderer. You will also have to figure out a few additional pieces of the puzzle. No one ever said this was going to be easy.

Here are the questions you must answer...

1. Who shot Danny Scott?
2. What was this person's motive?
3. Who shot Doc Schuster?
4. What was this person's motive?
5. Which major piece of evidence is a phony?
6. How do you know it is a phony?
7. Who shot Jerry Bivona?
8. What was this person's motive?
9. What is the name and street address of the store where you bought your copy of **WHODUNNIT?** We request your answer to this question although it will not affect your chances to win.

RULES:

To enter use a piece of 8-1/2 " x 11 " paper. Make sure your name and address are clearly printed at the top of each page of your entry. Print or type your answers to the nine questions and mail your entry to:

WHODUNNIT?
c/o The Comics Buyer's Guide
700 East State Street
Iola, Wisconsin 54990

On the outside of the envelope in the lower left-hand area, write once again your answer to Question # 1.

No envelopes will be opened until October 1, 1986. Envelopes will be opened by and entries judged by the staff of **The Comics Buyer's Guide.** The winner will be the entry with the earliest postmark that answers all eight mystery questions correctly as determined by our judges and as revealed in the final chapter by Evanier and Spiegle, to be published in **WHODUNNIT? #2,** and must have supplied a legible answer to Question #9 as well. If more than one winning entry with the same postmark is received, a random draw will be held and a winner selected from those who answered all of the questions correctly. In such a draw, no individual may be represented by more than one entry.

The winner, as determined by our judges, will receive a briefcase stuffed with one thousand dollars in cash, courtesy of **Eclipse Comics.** The store at which the winner bought his or her copy of **WHODUNNIT?** will win two hundred dollars cash from **Eclipse Comics.**

In the event that no entry satisfies the judges' criteria and is deemed correct, the prize money will be added to the award for solving the contest in **WHODUNNIT? # 2.** If, for some reason, the second contest is unable to be held, then the prize money will be awarded to the entrant of the first contest who, in the opinion of the judges, came closest to answering the eight mystery questions. If more than one such entry satisfies the judges criteria for correctness, a random draw will be held as described above.

All entries must be received by the closing date and must be addressed as above. We are not responsible for illegible postmarks or entries lost or delayed in the mail. All entries must be sent by standard First Class U. S. Mail. No hand-delivery, Express Mail, Special Delivery or other means of delivery will be accepted. The judges reserve the right to disqualify any entry for reasons of illegibility or suspected cheating. You may enter as many times as you wish, but each entry must be mailed separately. All entries become the property of **Eclipse Comics,** and may be used for publicity purposes. This competition is open to anyone, except where prohibited by law and excepting employees of **Eclipse Comics,** the **Comics Buyer's Guide,** their suppliers, printers and engravers, retailers and wholesalers, the judging committee, their relatives, or others affiliated with those operating the competition. Decision of the judges will be considered final. All federal, state and local taxes are the responsibility of the winner. Contest void where prohibited.

The winner will be announced in **WHODUNNIT? #2,** scheduled to go on sale in November of 1986. The winner grants **Eclipse Comics** the right to use his or her name and likeness in that issue and publicity materials.

HINTS: This mystery is full of twists and turns, placed there by Evanier and Spiegle, specifically to confuse you. There are "red herrings" and, as Jay Endicott mentions on the last page, some of the people in this story have been lying. Make all the proper deductions and you should come up with the same answer that Mark and Dan came up with. Δ

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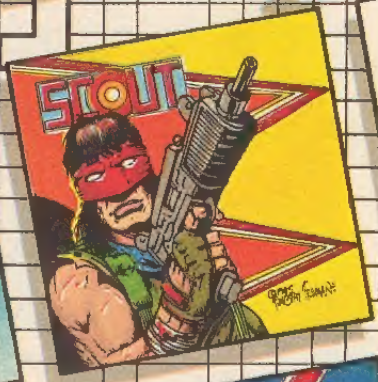

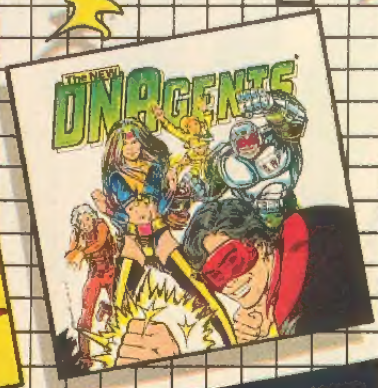

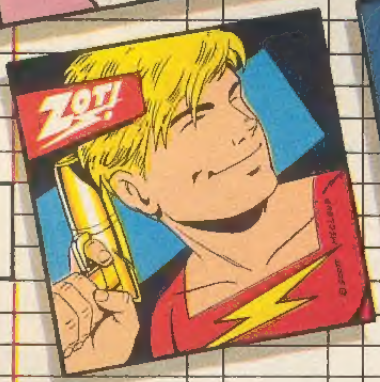

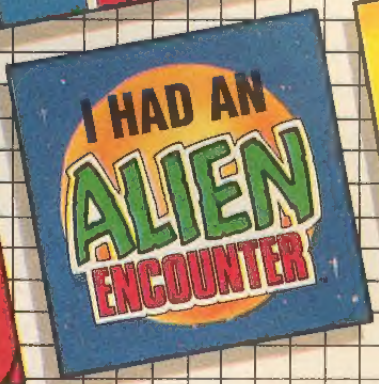

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